Information for Media

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Facilities for media covering the Summit will be available on-site at the Bella Center, Copenhagen, in the Media Building.

A media working area will be freely available for use by all accredited journalists on a first-come first-served basis. Telephone, telex and facsimile services, photographic processing and photocopying services will be available at commercial rates. Facilities for television and radio are explained below.

During the Summit, services offered to the media by the United Nations include media accreditation; daily media briefings (in English); distribution of official documents in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish; and press releases in English and French covering all official meetings at the Summit. United Nations staff will be available during the Summit to assist journalists.

Media Accreditation

Applications for media accreditation should be sent to the United Nations Department of Public Information, Room S-250, New York, N.Y. 10017, USA; Fax: 1-212-963-4642. Applications will be accepted in New York until 15 February. After that date, accreditation applications should be sent to United Nations Information Centre, 37 H. C. Andersens Boulevard, DK-1553 Copenhagen V, Denmark; Fax: 45-33-14-07-44.

Passes will be issued starting 24 February at the Bella Center accreditation tent.

Accreditation passes will be issued until the end of the Summit.

Media accreditation passes for journalists who have pre-applied for accreditation will be issued upon presentation of two forms of photo identification (e.g., passport, official national press pass, driver's licence, work ID, etc.).

Pre-application is not necessary. If applying for accreditation for the first time in Copenhagen, you must complete an application form, present a letter of assignment from your Editor-in-Chief (on official company letterhead) and show two forms of photo identification.

No person will be allowed inside the Bella Center itself (including the Media Building) until he/she has been issued with an accreditation pass.

Hotel Accommodation

Special reduced hotel room rates have been arranged by the Danish Government for Summit participants, including the media. Prices range from DKr 400 per night to DKr 1,300 per night. All hotel accommodation is being booked by the following organization, to which all requests for reservations should be directed:

DIS Congress Service Copenhagen A/S
Herlev Ringvej 2 C
DK-2730 Herlev
Denmark
Tel.: 45-44-92-44-92
Fax: 45-44-92-50-50

Journalists are advised to make their reservations as soon as possible. These special room rates apply on a first-come first-served basis.

Media Working Area

In the Bella Center Media Building, desk working space will be provided in a "bullpen" area designed to accommodate 336 journalists. Space will be used on an as-needed basis and cannot be reserved.

All plenary meetings of the Summit will be shown on closed-circuit TV monitors located in the bullpen area and elsewhere throughout the Media Building and the rest of the Bella Center. Press conferences, arrivals of heads of State and Government and other official events will also be shown on closed-circuit TV. Facilities will be available for radio and TV broadcasters to obtain this coverage (see Television Coverage and Radio Coverage below).

Seating will be reserved for the media in the Plenary Hall, where the heads of State or Government will speak. This seating will be available on a rotating and pool basis.

Documents Distribution

The media documents distribution area will be located in the Hall connecting the Media Building to the main building. Here the United Nations will distribute to the media all official Summit documents, press releases, press kits, photographs and other material.

United Nations press releases covering meetings will be available in English and French on racks near the documents distribution area.

Press Conferences/Briefings

The United Nations Department of Public Information (DPI) will hold a daily briefing for the media in English only. This will be held in the press briefing room located in the main building near the media documents distribution area. The briefing will be at the same time every day, probably at noon (time to be confirmed), and provide information on the day's events as well as question time. The briefing room can accommodate 250 people. Mult-box facilities will be available for audio recording of the briefings and they will be shown on closed-circuit TV.

The press briefing room will also be used for press conferences and briefings by Governments, United Nations agencies and others. No interpretation facilities will be available in the press briefing room. Bookings for its use will be made by DPI, beginning on 3 March. Contact the Office of the Spokesperson (DPI) in the Media Building, Bella Center.

A daily briefing for NGOs attending the Summit will be held by DPI in the press briefing room at 5 p.m. (time to be confirmed).

Press conferences by heads of State or Government will be held in the auditorium, located near the Plenary Hall in the Bella Center. Interpretation facilities will be available. The auditorium can accommodate 600 people.

A one-day pre-Summit briefing for journalists, will be held on 5 March in the auditorium. (For details, see Pre-Summit Journalists Briefing below.)

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Television Coverage

The United Nations, in cooperation with the Danish Broadcasting Corporation, will provide continuous, live, gavel-to-gavel multi-camera video coverage of the Summit meetings. It will also provide video coverage of press conferences and other official events as well as the arrival at the Bella Center of heads of State or Government.

The United Nations will make all coverage available to broadcasters. Gavel-to-gavel coverage of the plenary meetings will be fed to editing suites and other outlets in the Media Building. TV packages of coverage excerpts will be available daily.

Access to official meetings by non-UN television crews is not permitted.

Television Facilities

Technical facilities for television transmissions will be provided by the Danish Broadcasting Corporation. All these facilities will be located at the Bella Center in the Media Building. Facilities include: ENG replays, camera positions (standuppers) or studio facilities for live transmissions; shared editing; space for own editing gear or work spaces for ENG crews (a telephone will be provided in each space but will have to be booked through Danish PTTS); ENG crews; and pool feeds of coverage.

The European Broadcasting Union (EBU), in cooperation with the Danish Broadcasting Corporation, will coordinate all requests for these technical facilities. EBU will send out an inquiry in early January 1995 to ascertain the needs of television broadcasters.

For all inquiries and bookings for television facilities, please contact:

Ms. Grethe Acunto
TV Centre
DK 2860 Soeborg
Denmark
Tel.: 45-35-20-46-04
Fax: 45-35-20-20-10

Starting 3 March and throughout the Summit, facilities bookings may be made on-site at the Facilities Booking Desk in the Media Building.

Radio Coverage and Facilities

Audio coverage will be available on full-track master recordings for radio producers. Facilities will be available for radio producers to take a

direct audio feed (by plugging into a mult-box) of both the language of the speaker (floor language) and the simultaneous interpretation in all official UN languages (Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian and Spanish).

All technical facilities for radio may be booked through the Danish Broadcasting Corporation. For bookings and inquiries, please contact:

Ms. Lise Gyhrs
International Relations
Danmarks Radio (DR)
Radio House
DK-1999 Frederiksberg C
Denmark
Tel.: 45-35-20-62-47
Fax: 45-35-20-62-48

Photographic Services

Photographic coverage of the Conference will be available. Photo prints will be displayed daily near the media documents counter. No photographic laboratory facilities will be available on-site although orders for commercial processing services can be placed on-site.

Forum '95

Media services will also be available at the NGO Forum, located at the Holmen Naval Base about 15 minutes away from the Bella Center. Free shuttle transportation will be provided between the two sites. For further information about media facilities at the NGO Forum, please contact:

Mr. Bo Simonsen
Press Officer
NGO Forum '95
Njalsgade 13C
DK-2300 Copenhagen S
Denmark
Tel.: 45-32-96-19-95
Fax: 45-32-96-89-19

Pre-Summit Briefing for Journalists

On Sunday March 5 an all-day briefing will be held for journalists attending the Summit. The briefing will cover the major issues and introduce journalists to the key players at the Summit. Journalists will also be briefed on logistical arrangements, special events, security requirements and other organizational details. The briefing will be held in the Auditorium at the Bella Center. Before being admitted, all journalists will have to present their accreditation passes.

Additional media inquiries should be directed to:
Social Summit Focal Point
Department of Public Information
Room S-1040
United Nations
New York, N.Y. 10017, USA
Tel.: 1-212-963-6862/1453/1886/6870
Fax: 1-212-963-1186/4361

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